The protection from service or execution of process afforded by the dignity of the House in no way affects the right of Police officers on duty within the precincts to arrest strangers who, having been admitted to the Palace of Westminister, commit criminal offences or are thought to be about to do so, subject to this that they must refrain from entering the House itself while it is sitting unless they have previously received its permission.'

"I hope that the Government will communicate all this to the police so that they may know the exact limits of their authority.

"In England the expression 'Precincts of the House' means 'Within the building at Westminster or within the Palace Yard'. In this Legislature the question is complicated by the fact that while the House sits in one place, its committees sit in various other places. Sometimes, a committee sits in the Committee Room at Fort St. George. Sometimes it sits in one of the rooms in the building allotted to the Ministers in the Government Estate and of late it has been sitting in a room in the Old Legislators' Hostel in the Government Estate. Moreover the Library of the Legislature which must be regarded as part of the precincts of the House is situated at a distance, in the cellar under the Rajaji Hall."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"Suppose the Committee were to sit outside the City itself, for instance, in Kozhikode or some other place, Sir?"

MR. SPEAKER :—"I am coming to that also. The refreshment room attached to the House is a temporary shed put up in the yard adjoining the House. All these must be regarded as precincts of the House. But from their very situation, strangers can have easy access to these buildings and places even without the permission of the Speaker. The exact limits of the precincts of this Assembly have therefore to be carefully determined. I therefore refer this matter to the Committee of Privileges to report on the construction they want to put on the expression. 'Precincts of the House' as regards this Legislative Assembly. I must tell the House that I am not referring to the Committee of Privileges that is in existence now. I am only referring to the new Committee that will be constituted in a day or two for the next official year. Probably, after this session the House will meet in July or August. Whatever it is, I request the Committee to send its report to the House on the third day after the commencement of the next sitting of the House. Then the House may go into the matter."

V.—MOTION *RE* CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—"Mr. Speaker, before we proceed to the next item in the agenda, I want to make a submission to you. The next Demand relates to Co-operation. It is a very important subject. The time allotted for the discussion on this Demand is only two hours. I request that the time for discussion may be increased to three hours. This will be convenient from every point of view. We can discuss this Demand for the whole day, i.e., till we rise for the day.

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" With regard to Industries, I submit that it may be taken up a little later, say, in the end. Of course, there will be encroachment by one hour on other Demands, but this can be made good by cutting one hour in respect of the Demand for Administration of Justice, which will be discussed for three hours. That can be reduced to two hours."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Industries can be postponed to a later date."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" That can be done without inconvenience. I think it comes up tomorrow and will occupy four hours. It can be postponed."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Since the order of business has already been accepted, let the Hon. the Leader of the House make a formal motion."

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I move—

' *That the order of business be changed so as to provide for Industries and Cinchona being taken up later, the whole of today being taken for Co-operation and the whole of tomorrow for Labour including Factories.'* "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That the order of business be changed so as to provide for Industries and Cinchona being taken up later, the whole of today being taken for Co-operation and the whole of tomorrow for Labour including Factories.' "

The motion was put and carried.

VI.—PRESENTATION OF PETITION TO THE ASSEMBLY.

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, 251 teachers of the Kozhikode town aided elementary schools have sent in a petition to this House. They say that the cost of living on the West Coast is the highest in the Kozhikode Municipality and that while all other teachers—district board, Government and municipal teachers—draw house-rent allowance, aided elementary schools are not granted any such allowance. They request that the Government will favourably consider their demand in this respect since they get every other thing only from the Government. I request permission to present the petition to the House on their behalf."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may give it to the Secretary."

(The petition was then handed over to the Secretary.)

VII.—VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR THE YEAR 1955-56.—*cont.*

(1) DEMAND XV—EDUCATION—*cont.*

* The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am slightly at a disadvantage in replying to the debate. In the